

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am returning Senate Bill 204 without my signature.

The Commissioners on the California Energy Commission and the California Public Utilities Commission are subject to strict conflict of interest laws. Both commissions have restrictions on pre and post employment and this law could result in less clarity on the requirements, discouraging qualified, knowledgeable and experienced applicants from seeking these public service positions.

This measure would add duplication and ambiguity to existing law and not result in greater protections.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger